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*From the Spiritualists of America—
the message—*

CONGRATULATORY.

Another year has rolled away into the eternity of the past, and we are once more assembled in Convention to review the work of the past twelve months, and to outline the labor that is to come. At the opening of this Convention, I congratulate you upon the results of its year's work. I congratulate you also upon the progress our Cause has made during the year and upon the increase of interest that has been apparent in all sections of our country. The people are recognizing the value of the truths of Spiritualism as they never have before, and are looking to the N. S. A. to have them placed before their minds as their importance warrants they should be.

RETROSPECTIVE.

The past year has been one of active work on the part of the N. S. A. in all of its departments. The various publications of the secular papers in all of the large cities of the land were supplied with data in regard to the standing of Spiritualism in general in America, and of the N. S. A. in particular, which facts found their way into print when these books were published.

There has been a more general interest in the subject of Spiritualism on the part of the masses than has been apparent during any previous year in the history of the N. S. A., and the treatment accorded our movement by the secular and religious press, with a few exceptions, has been uniformly fair. The masses are demanding information on occult subjects and the press is meeting that demand.

Seven estates have been settled from which certain sums have accrued to the treasury of the N. S. A., in harmony with the wishes of the testators. The settlement of a few estates, in which the N. S. A. is interested, is now pending. The Association will ultimately receive these bequests, the delay being occasioned by the requirements of the law.

Some state Associations and a few local societies have been organized and chartered during the year. Local interest in Spiritualism has almost uniformly shown a marked increase throughout the nation, the only exceptions being in such places as they had bitter experiences with fraud and charlatanism within a few years.

There has also been a greater demand for literature bearing upon this subject than has been obtained hitherto, and the N. S. A. has been called upon to supply as much of it as could be. The Spiritualist papers have been more widely read, and books by our best authors have been called for in the way of sales, and for reaching in the public libraries of the country.

From a careful study of these and other indications, I am able to report a decided progress on the part of Spiritualism during the year, and can assure you as representative Spiritualists, that our National Association is more generally recognized as the supreme head of our movement than it has ever been before.

THE RAILROADS.

The relations of the N. S. A. with the various passenger associations of the West have been most cordial throughout the year. Our clergymen have been treated with uniform courtesy and kindness, and in no instance has any unjust discrimination been made against them.

All applicants whose work entitled them to permits under the rules of the Passenger Association have received them promptly, and the utmost consideration has been shown them. All refusals have been warranted in fact, and there is no just cause for complaints on the part of our clergy taken as a body. The passenger Association have worked in perfect accord with the N. S. A., and are deserving of special recognition at the hands of this Convention. I, therefore, recommend that engrossed resolutions of thanks, under the seal of the N. S. A. be sent to Eben E. MacLeod, F. C. Donald, James Charlton and J. E. Hannegan, Chairman of the Western, Central, Transcontinental and Southern Passenger Associations. I also recommend that the policy of former years regarding clergy rates be maintained during the year next ensuing.

EASTERN RAILROAD LINES.

The Eastern Trunk Lines do not yet recognize our platform workers as clergymen and base their refusal of clergy rates to our ministers upon the fact that they are Spiritualists. Their rules declare that special rates are granted clergymen who are resident pastors in cities and towns through which their roads pass; yet they have in two or three instances, refused our resident clergymen, on the ground that they were Spiritualists. This matter should be looked into by this Convention, and I recommend action in the premises, and a test case taken before the Interstate Commerce Commission, should the evidence offered be sufficient to warrant such action.

EDITOR AT LARGE.

This important office was created at the last annual Convention and was filled by the Board of Trustees by the election of that gifted writer and zealous defender of our Cause, Hudson Tuttle, of Berlin Heights, O. Brother Tuttle has served the N. S. A. faithfully and well in doing the work of his office, and has placed every Spiritualist in America under obligations to him for his earnest devotion to our sacred Cause. He has promptly defended Spiritualism from every attack to which his attention has been called, and has never failed to worst the opponents of our movement. He has done the N. S. A. invaluable service, and added much to its power for good in the land. I recommend his report that will be submitted to this Convention, to the thoughtful consideration of every delegate, and urge that his recommendations be made a part of the legislation of this body. I recommend further that the office of Editor-at-Large be continued for another year, and that, if possible, our faithful Brother, Hudson Tuttle be re-elected to it.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Four general missionaries, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates,

and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, were appointed under the orders of the last annual Convention, and placed in the field, with a roving commission at a salary of sixty-two and fifty one hundredths dollars each per month. Their reports, to be received later, will give detailed accounts of their work and the results thereof. They have rendered our Cause much service, and endeavored to awaken interest in organization wherever they have labored. No one can complain of their zeal or earnestness of spirit in the discharge of their duties. Special attention should be given the history of their work as laid down in their reports in order that intelligent action may be taken thereon.

Later in the season James S. Scull was commissioned Missionary for the New England States with instructions to devote quite a portion of his time to Massachusetts. His report will acquaint us with the results of his labors. Brother Scull was true to his trust, and did his best to serve the N. S. A. wherever he stepped upon the rostrum.

Early in the spring of 1903, Louise F. Sprague of Denver, Colorado, was appointed missionary at large on our Board of Trustees, to serve without salary. I am not informed as to the scope of her labors, nor as to the results therefrom. Her report will doubt be presented to this Convention, and will outline results of her work. There is ordinance in Denver prohibiting practice of mediumship, or restricting it to those who pay a heavy license fee. The commission from the N. S. A. as Missionary exempt Mrs. Sprague from the provisions of this measure. In Seattle, Washington, this commission did not avail anything, hence the necessity of looking into the prosecution of mediums in that city, as suggested in another portion of this report.

Missionary work is always an important feature in the propaganda of the religion of Spiritualism. It can be made a tower of strength to the N. S. A. and to Spiritualism when it is rightly undertaken. While we have had good results from efforts of past years, I am led to believe that we can accomplish more, at less expense of money and energy, by a change of method. Many friends of our movement are anxious to have the N. S. A. missionaries visit their communities, but cannot secure them on account of the expense. Others receive this aid, have a brief revival of interest in Spiritualism, and then return to their former inert state.

Some weak and struggling local societies receive visits of two or three days, only to feel the drain upon their resources for some weeks afterwards, with little or no appreciable benefit to the organization. This result is the fault of the method now in vogue, rather than that of the missionaries themselves. So long as they feel that they must pay their way, and turn a surplus into the treasury of the N. S. A., just so long will their work be barren of lasting results. Brief visits of two or three days or even a week arouses interest for the time being, but like the old-fashioned revival of the church, it is not permanent.

In order to be effective, missionary work should be continuous. A man or woman who is sincerely devoted to the propagation of Spiritualism, should be a missionary worker in the field.

Proceedings of Convention --- President Barrett Re-Elected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 24.—Special.—The following officers for the N. S. A. were elected for the ensuing year: Harrison D. Barrett, president; Dr. George B. Warne of Chicago, vice-president; Mrs. M. T. Longley, Secretary; Theodore J. Mayer, treasurer. Trustees: Ilktyd C. I. Evans, Carrie Twing, Cassius L. Stevens, Hon. Alonzo Thompson, Thomas Grimshaw.

MOSES HULL.

RECEPTION MONDAY NIGHT.

At the reception in the Regent Hotel, Monday evening, the local and visiting Spiritualists enjoyed a social good time, punctuated with many interesting addresses, both humorous and serious in character. Incidentally, there was much discussion of the proposed ritual and the election of the new officers. While old friends were meeting and engaging in lively conversation in different parts of the hotel strains of music, provided for the occasion, permeated the apartments. The local members were busy looking out for the comfort of the guests and introducing strangers to each other.

Many were on hand and it was not long before the leaders from different sections of the country were called upon to speak. The following were among those who responded:

Rev. Moses Hull, of Whitewater, Wis.; Rev. H. W. Sayles, East Aurora, N. Y.; Rev. F. A. Wiggins, of Boston, Mass.; Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, of Onset, Mass.; Lyman C. Howe, Fredonia, N. Y.; Rev. J. J. Morse, London, England; Rev. E. W. Sprague, Jamestown, N. Y.; J. B. Hatch, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Rev. John W. Ring, Galveston, Tex.; Mrs. Jenny L. Edson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Z. B. Kates, Thornton, Pa.; and Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, N. Y.

President Harrison D. Barrett presided. The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, of Troy, N. Y.

About 150 delegates had arrived at the Philadelphia delegation arriving Monday afternoon. The Board of Trustees, which had been in session for the past few days, had completed all arrangements for the Convention.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 A. M.

"Spiritualism as a Growing Power in the World" was the theme of discussion and the watchword of the work of nearly 200 delegates who met Tuesday morning, October 20, in National Rifles Armory, on G Street, N. W., near 9 Street, Washington D. C. to attend the Eleventh Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists Association of the United States and Canada. The morning session continued until 12 o'clock, when a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

The stage in the Armory was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and leaves. The audiences both morning and afternoon were very large, there being over 300 delegates and visitors present, and the greatest interest was manifested in the business presented for consideration. The session this morning began with congregational singing of "Jubilate," after which the invocation was pronounced by Mrs. Mary T. Longley. After a song by C. Payson Longley, entitled, "The Dear Old Days," President Barrett delivered an address of welcome to the delegates. He said in part:

"It devolves upon me this morning

to give you a formal welcome as delegates to this Convention. In extending to you the welcome I simply voice the sentiment of the Spiritualists of the nation in greeting to one another. There is no point at which the oneness of thought among us, as a people, can be more clearly felt than during these annual gatherings. I note with pleasure, the representative character of this great Convention. More states are represented on this floor at the present moment than have been at any other Convention since 1893. It is an index of the fact that the N. S. A. is growing in the estimation of the nation, and proves to us that organization is no longer in the air, but is a concrete fact."

Continuing, he asked the delegates to consider the problem of how best to advance the thought of Spiritualism throughout the land, and of placing it in a clear light before the people.

"Let us give them a concrete expression of our belief," he said. He spoke of the passing of the idea that they were apart from the world.

"It is not that we believe in spirit return, but that we know it. Let us say that to the world and stand by it, and, in recognizing it let us give the world something by which the dark pall of sorrow can be lightened and the heavy load of gloom with which the world is shrouded may be rent assunder by the smile of God. I welcome you."

After another song by Mr. Longley entitled, "The Garments We Make We Shall Wear," Reverend Moses Hull, president of the Morris Pratt Institute responded to the President's address. He emphasized the statement that the Spiritualists were all gathered together to break down the barriers of north, south, east and west, and make their body one over the whole world. He spoke of this Convention as a grand symposium, at which believers are to learn how much alike they are and how to better organize their forces and carry on their missionary work. He said that Spiritualism is no longer a curiosity, but has become a great movement, in which all the world is interested. He even intimated that it is not far different from other religious beliefs, saying Spiritualism is universal.

After more music the appointment of the following committees was made by president Barrett:

Committee on credentials: J. B. Hatch, Jr., of Massachusetts; W. J. Hicks, of Montana; F. W. Martin, of Ohio; Milan C. Edson, of Washington D. C. and Mrs. Stella A. Fiske, of Iowa.

Committee on rules: Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, of Massachusetts; Mr. A. S. Gillespie, of California; Dr. B. O'Dell, of Michigan; E. H. Green, of Missouri.

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THE N. S. A.

Again the annual Convention of the N. S. A. is a thing of the past. Ever since President Barrett placed his resignation before the Spiritualist world last spring, the current talk among the active N. S. A. workers has been: Who shall the future President be? About two hundred delegates and their friends went to Washington from all parts of the United States with this question paramount in their minds. Some already had their choice made and had been trying hard for some time to persuade others to decide in favor of their choice.

This is an important office to fill. It requires some one who is willing and able to devote their entire thought and life to the work in hand, and is qualified to meet the public demands in many ways. After arriving at Washington and mingling together for a few days there was still no one person who appealed to the delegates assembled as just the one to fill the office which had been so satisfactorily filled by the retiring President. Several candidates were in the field which made it a hard matter to decide on a general favorite.

A telegram received Saturday morning informs us that Harrison D. Barrett is re-elected as the President for the ensuing year. This proves beyond doubt that he is still the one who is the general favorite among the workers connected with the N. S. A. We rejoice that the past efforts on the part of President Barrett are so well appreciated and we hope the confidence in his ability shown by his re-election, will be sufficient to buoy him up and cause him to regain his health and strength sufficient to carry on the work for which he is so well fitted.

We extend to him our congratulations and the SUNFLOWER will promise him its support in the future as in the past to assist him and help to carry on the work of the N. S. A.

The N. S. A. is doing a grand, good work. There is no doubt but that it is responsible to a great extent for the rapid stride Spiritualism has made in the way of gaining general favor in the eyes of the world. The Association is gradually growing in members and wealth, as well as power and influence and is destined to achieve still greater success.

Equal Rights.

Reason sensitizes the flesh; love qualifies it. That is, one makes it perceptible to sensations or feelings foreign to their own; the other infuses it with health or strength without other aid than natural food. But adulterated by mental or moral impurities it deteriorates in either of these qualities.

Carnal reasoning destroys its perceptibility and consequently its subtler powers of generating or taking in thought vibrations; while selfish loving (implying either deceit or insincerity) weakens it consistent with reversal of the love-principles, which is also the creative force or life-principle of nature.

Reasoning spiritually attunes the flesh to the touch of all that involves life or motion, and conveys it as an intelligent vibration to the brain.

Loving spiritually or unselfishly infuses the flesh with health and vigor and permits its primal influence—its force as a law—to act freely in

the exercise of its rights, pleasures, desires and ambitions so far as conditions and circumstances permit.

Together they constitute the will; and as this decides, reason or love may in turn be permitted to act for a spiritual or material effect, and the owner becomes master of his own destiny—such being Nature's law of "equal rights."

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

SUICIDE OF F. G. TUTTLE.

The Treasurer of The Banner of Light Com- mits Suicide.

An Associated Press despatch of Oct. 24 says: "The body of Frederick G. Tuttle, the treasurer of the *Banner of Light* Publishing company, publishers of the Spiritualist organ, with offices in Boston was found in Lake Pentucket. In letters to his family at Needham and a brother Frank D. Tuttle of Fitchburg, Mr. Tuttle communicated his intention of committing suicide and said his body would be found in the lake."

It was with unexpressed regret we read the above in the Buffalo News Saturday evening. Nothing is known by us as to the cause of this terrible deed, and we can only believe that temporary insanity was the cause, until we are informed of evidence to the contrary.

Mr. Tuttle has been associated with the *Banner*, as treasurer and business manager for many years, and has filled the position of trust and responsibility in a most acceptable manner, always prompt and business like in the performance of his duties.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives, and to the *Banner* staff who are left to mourn his loss.

The Force of Habit.

Did you ever stop to realize that most of your actions, mental and physical, are entirely determined by some previous impression or habit of mind or body?

Do you know that in the commonest things of life you are slaves to habits that you never expect?

Can you tell, for instance, whether you habitually put on the right shoe or the left one first? Can you tell on the instant which of the two you have habitually taken off first all your life?

Perhaps it is easier for you to realize that you have been using only one side of a certain street. Men and women who walk to their business every day for years fall into favorite routes that they follow mechanically. They know every muddy crossing, every hole, every bump on the sidewalk, every loose bit of pavement, on the one side of the street and they avoid them, unconsciously, while if they should chance to find themselves on the other side of the street they would feel as strange as they would in the Strand of London or the Champs Elysees of Paris.

The ordinary housewife has many little domestic habits that have become almost as sacred as religious devotions. The sugar bowl must be in a certain spot on a certain shelf in the cupboard, or the whole house seems out of order. The broom must be in its corner or there will be ill-temper.

These are but a few of the innumerable little habits that make up nine-tenths of our lives. Not an impression, not an emotion, not an opinion, not a resolution, not an action is possible to us that is not influenced, colored and directed by fixed conditions within ourselves—habit.

Habits are not without their advantages. They are formed by following the lines of least resistance.

When a man has once put on his left shoe before the right, it is easier next time to follow the same order. His muscles and nerves have a preference for a procedure with which they have previously become acquainted. Besides, it leaves the mind free. Many a man has employed his mind in mapping out his day's work while his habit is putting on his shoes.

Every habit is, of course, a limitation of the easy exercise of the will. Bad habits are chains, holding us as prisoners. Good habits are like a well-made harness, enabling us to do our work in the world with efficiency or waste of energy.

Since we are so enslaved to habits in little things, is it any wonder we know so little of ourselves? Is it any wonder that the doctrine of fatalism has such prestige?
—The Cleveland Press.

PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENON.

"There is no death," the poet sings;
"What seems so is transit."
"A change of form to spirit things
In more refined condition!"

But is it not a fairy tale?
"Imagination dreaming!"
"Assuming us that death's dark trail
The earth is only seeming."

Our loved ones vanish from our sight,
Their forms are laid away—
When touched by death's destroying
plague,
We shoulder back to clay.

The question born of cold distrust,
"What comes yet remain—"
"Must die, and die, (and die) must
shall then live again!"

The Christian and the Infidel,
"Dying" and "con,"
"As thought, for who can tell,
Shall we continue on?"

The answer, if it come at all,
"Through death," through demonstration,
"And hope in rain,"
"Shall then live again!"

The world is all phenomena,
"Imagination's inspiration,"
"The world's encyclopedia"
"The world's information!"

A. H. Reynolds.

RICHARD'S ALMANAC AND REPERTORY FOR 1904

has arrived and is for sale at this office. It comprises a variety of useful matter and tables, and predictions of the events and weather during the coming year. You should write and procure a copy at once. Price, 25 cents.

When you buy cheese in mind that all good cheese will be yellow to the outside. The real will be of a golden yellow and thick on puff, and will retain its color. Cheese is so hard that you cannot cut it with your finger tips. The real is so hard that you cannot cut it with your finger tips. On the other hand, if the real breaks up, pressure or does not spring back really when the finger is withdrawn this indicates an over-soft article, caused by the slack cooking of the curd or a want of acid. At least it will have an insipid flavor and will "go off" as it ages.

An Unappreciative Lawyer.

A well known lawyer whose first name is James has a brother whom he visited lately. His brother has a daughter, aged four years, whose mother had lectured her a few days before for telling "stories." The lawyer, thinking to entertain the little one, took her on his knee and told her two of his best folklore tales. Instead of being charmed, as he expected, "she never smiled, but when he had finished she from his knee, with a solemn face, and going to her mother, said: 'Mamma, Uncle Jim will go to the bad place soon. He has just told me two big stories.'"
—Kansas City Journal.

Family Convention.

"Agatha," said her mother, "I don't like to hear a daughter of mine tell even a conventional lie. You know you can't hear Aunt Becky, and yet when she came the other day you said, 'Agatha, how glad I am to see you!'"
"That wasn't a lie, mamma," answered Agatha. "That was an exclamation."
—Chicago Tribune.

Marrying For Money.

"I married for lub de fust time," said the miser Show, "but dis time I married for money, an' don't you forget it!"
"Your little elect has money, has she?"

"Yes, sah. Dat girl has o less dan \$2.75 in de savin's ban, for she showed me de book."
—Detroit Free Press.

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AS the Campmeetings are at a close, the people going home from their Summer Vacations, and the long winter evenings coming on, the question is, How Shall we Spend the Winter?

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LILY DALE NEWS.

Our fall weather still continues. Some rain with a little sleet and a touch of hail, and Friday night a few flakes of snow.

The grass is beautiful and part of the trees are as green as they were in the summer. Many of the days are perfect, and those who can get out and enjoy them.

They are still cutting trees and it is to be hoped that they will get out enough this time so that we can miss them in the spring when the foliage is all cut again. They will be most conspicuous by their absence in Caldwell Park especially in the center of it where a great many have been taken out, among them several of the pines. That old land mark on the road that ran around to the east of Caldwell Park, the tree that the roots grew several feet above the ground in such a grotesque manner is out, and many more at the same point in the road which will be remembered as having always been muddy, have been removed so the that sun and wind can get in and keep the road dry. This will certainly be a great improvement.

It is reported that the timber is being cut to be used for the rig to bore for gas. And that the location about decided on is in the Hall woods to the east of the camp grounds, only a few hundred feet. As Silver Creek not far from here, they have struck a gas well that is throwing a blaze of gas thirty feet into the air. It is causing a great deal of local excitement, and we are hopeful that the same results will be attained here.

Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. VanDuzee have left within a week for Lake Helen, Fla., where they will spend the winter at the Lake Helen Camp. They are very fortunate to be able to get away before the cold weather.

F. Corden White and wife have returned from their visit but will leave again Wednesday for Pittsburg, Pa., where Mr. White will devote his time to his mediumship. We are glad to have them come early and stay late.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross have gone to New York City to visit their son, they will be gone about a month.

G. F. Kittredge, of Lockport, N. Y., who has been spending the summer at Lily Dale, and working at the SUNFLOWER office, has returned to his home. Mrs. Brookings, of Chicago, is here spending a few or more days if she feels to do so. She is looking well and in good spirits considering the severe shock that she received last summer by the sudden death of her only son. She is stopping at Mrs. Dedrick's.

Mrs. Baillet has gone to Conneaut, Erie and vicinity, for a short time. She will attend the Spiritualist convention in Cleveland, October 24.

Mrs. Nettie Bowers has gone for an extended visit in Ohio, where she will visit her own and Mr. Bower's relatives. She will stop at Meadville, Pa. on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton have been here having a roof put on their cottage and other repairs.

BUFFALO NEWS.

N. H. EDDY, Special Correspondent.

Sunday evening, October 17th, Mrs. Geo. Kliffull, of 7 Cottage Street, gave a party and entertainment at her residence in honor of her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in social convalescence and games; progressive pedro was quite a feature of the evening. Mr. Frank and Miss Elmore were awarded the prizes for gaining the most points. The games were made very interesting and entertaining through the congenial spirit and feelings of each one present. Mrs. Kliffull the hostess of the evening made every effort possible to make the occasion a very enjoyable one to all, and was very liberal in her hospitality. A bountiful supply of meats, salads, cakes, ice cream and coffee was furnished to which ample justice was done by those present. The evening was a very enjoyable one to both host and hostess. Mrs. Kliffull is an excellent medium, and while she has not as yet been before the public but a little yet she is destined, through the universal forces in nature, and the psychic elements in her organism, to reach a high mark in the field of psychic development, bringing her

much praise and appreciation, in the future expression of her medial powers.

Sunday morning, October 18th, at the Temple, Carrie Twing read a poem after which she discoursed upon the subject of the book called "The Psychological Crime" stating her opinion regarding the influence the book would have in some cases upon the minds of those who read it. Mrs. Twing spoke in much praise of the *Progressive Thinker's* great effort, through its many able and efficient writers to present their views to the public, mentioning names of some prominent ones as speaking of the Fallacious ideas expressed in that book, giving excellent reasons for their views and ideas of the book. Mrs. Twing gave many interesting thoughts relative to mediumship, the value of the same, and Spiritualism to the world and to humanity by the knowledge and facts given through mediumship, proving the continuity of life in the spheres of eternal existence.

Sunday evening, October 18th, Mrs. Twing spoke upon the subject "Attitude of Spiritualism toward the reforms of today," she referred to mediumship and the efforts of spirits to prove through mediumship the knowledge of spirit return. Mrs. Twing spoke at length and very interestingly. She mentioned the efforts made through medial power and advice in freeing the slaves, also of the advisability of women voting. To help in the reforms Mrs. Twing advocated peace, and that Spiritualism taught the principles of same. Mrs. Anna L. Gillispie of San Francisco, was present and was invited to the platform and gave some very interesting thoughts about the work and Cause in San Francisco. Lyman C. Howe was also present and made some very appropriate remarks for the occasion, after which Mrs. Twing gave readings from articles placed on the table. Sunday, October 25th closes Mrs. Twing's engagement with the society. Prof. Lockwood serves the society during November, on Sunday and Wednesdays.

Friday evening, October 16th, at Sterling's Hall, 374 Connecticut St., the Harmony Circle Society, that hold their regular services in this hall every Sunday evening, with Chas. Hulbert, as President and speaker, and medium, gave a very interesting and entertaining musical and literary exercise comprising music on piano, mandolin and guitar, also recitations, both comic and select, every number on the program was well rendered, and highly appreciated by the audience as denoted by their applause.

The program was a lengthy one. Much credit is due to Mrs. Muntz, the organizer and promoter of the musical and literary exercises. A large audience was in attendance the hall being well filled. After the entertainment refreshments were served, and those who desired enjoyed themselves in a social dance, the entire evening was a grand success, and a very enjoyable time to all was the result.

The ginger bread social which was to have been given by Mrs. Carrie Twing, Saturday evening, October 24th, had to be postponed on account of her going to the N. S. A. Convention and not being able to return in time. It will occur some time in November and announcements will be made in these columns.

A New Society Formed in Hamilton Canada.

The following from the Hamilton, Can., *Times* shows progress in Canada.

"At a meeting held last evening, (October 13th) at 169 King street east, the following names were given as applicants for a charter to form a new society here, to be called The First Spiritualist Society of Hamilton. Wm. Strong, real estate agent; J. Strong, merchant; C. Attwood, painter; W. Goodwin, electrician; Geo. Slocum, florist; P. J. Culhane, mill poster; O. Bigelow, contractor. A site for a new building is to be secured at an early date. It is said that there is ample funds behind the new society. Mr. Farmer, of Lee, Maine and Stanton, is the solicitor."

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Mr. C. L. Landre, of Amsterdam, in speaking of the results obtained in this country, stated that it was remarkable how very constantly the insurance statistics show the expectation of life is increasing. The increase of the maximum of the expectation of life has risen from 46.1 to 56.4 year for men and 48.6 to 57.8 years for women.

Mr. G. G. Warner stated that the results obtained in Great Britain show that whereas in 1838 the annual rate of mortality of men for all ages was twenty-three per thousand in 1900 it had fallen to nineteen per thousand; while for women it had fallen in the same period from twenty-two to seventeen per thousand.

The same authority stated that the distinct decrease in mortality as the nineteenth century progressed was so symmetrical as to indicate a settled and permanent tendency. The curious fact was brought out that the most marked improvement is shown in the early years of life. From our years of age up to thirty-four the improvement is so steady that it must be regarded as the direct result of law, while the same fact holds true of female mortality for a decade longer, up to the age of forty-four and in a less decided degree for the male. After this age there are periods through which the ratios are at about the same level, and in the later epochs of life there is an evidence of retrogression. During the first years of the great national prosperity that marked the nineteenth century the effect in the lengthening of life was not marked, for prosperity was a selfish and heartless. But in later years humanity and philanthropy had their mark in the growth of hospitals and organizations for the care of the poor and suffering while contemporaneously there was a great advance in hygiene and surgery which also helped to extend the period of life. These developments have acted with more marked beneficial effect on childhood and youth than they have upon middle age; for in the later period the intense strain and keener competition which characterize modern life, its higher pressure, and special forms of disease, are causes of mortality from which the earlier periods of life are exempt. — *Scientific American*.

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PRESIDENT BARRETT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1903.

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any community where the spirit of liberalism prevails, provided he does not attempt to cover too much ground. No local society can be expected to flourish on one or two meetings per year. It is steady, persistent work that tells in the end. All Missionaries should seek to fill the treasuries of the local societies they serve—not exhaust them—but exhaust them they must if they only visit them once or twice per year.

I firmly believe in missionary work, and recommend more of it for the coming year. Wherever possible, I believe that it be carried on in conjunction with the State Associations, and then upon the short circuit plan. By this method, a worker can be engaged for a full year by the N. S. A. and instructed to devote himself to the local societies within easy distance of each other. This he can do by frequent visits, through which he can impress his thought upon the people, and lead them to be as liberal in their support of Spiritualism as they ever were of the Christian Church.

By means of these short circuits, the expense of travel will be avoided, and the matter of compensation easily adjusted. Any one, in the place of these Missionaries, should do the work self-supporting within his own time, and in three years or less should be able to aid the N. S. A. as he would not drain the Association of its resources, as the N. S. A. can only be called upon to meet the needs, in place of large expenses of travel, and salaries. It will also enable the National body to employ a larger corps of Missionaries at much less expense, and thus be the means of spreading the truths of Spiritualism among the masses who are hungering for them, and cannot obtain them. I appeal to the Convention for action upon this matter, and earnestly recommend the adoption of this method in the missionary work of the coming year. I also recommend that more Missionaries, rather than less, be put into the field, and kept to work.

USAGES.

Our last annual Convention authorized the appointment of a committee on usages, and instructed said committee to report to this body. That committee has attended to its duty and its report will be presented to you in the regular order of business. It is one of the most important, if not the most important, issues that will come before this Convention. It is to be hoped that the report of the Committee will be adopted as a whole by this body of delegates. Its adoption will give Spiritualism a legal standing in every State and Territory of the Union and will place all Spiritualists, who are members of organizations upon an equal footing with the followers of all other denominations. I most earnestly recommend the adoption of the committee's report, and the acceptance of its usages.

CAMP MEETINGS.

I am pleased to report a more general interest in the work of our leading camps, and a largely increased attendance at most of them. The N. S. A. has been accorded a royal welcome, and a general hearing at the majority of these gatherings. It is with no little pleasure that I report complete reciprocity between the N. S. A. and the camp meeting associations. Special days were assigned our Association at a goodly number of the camps, from which our revenues were turned into our treasury. I recommend that circular letters of thanks be sent to the camp managements who granted the N. S. A. their special recognition. I also recommend that the same courtesy be solicited for the season of 1904 from all camps. These special days are the means of acquainting the people with the aims, objects, and accomplishments of the N. S. A., and usually prove of great benefit financially. The returns from camp work of all kinds for the present year are not less than \$1,500.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

In my former reports, I have dwelt at length upon this important subject. The needs of strengthening this branch of our work is greater than ever, and, though as a general thing, the local societies have had a fairly good year, they are yet far from being able to withstand a series of misfortunes. If our movement is to prosper, our local societies must

be sustained and their membership increased. All that I have ever said in regard to the danger accruing from weak local bodies is true today. It is the duty of the Convention to devise ways and means by which the primary units can be made to do better work for our cause as a whole. Very few of them are financially secure, and fewer still have a surplus at the close of the year. I ask you as delegates to consider how the membership of these local societies may be increased, and their finances strengthened. In former years I have suggested the appointment of a special representative whose duty it shall be to visit as many of these local bodies in the course of a year as he possibly can, without any thought of compensation, making it his special business to determine the special needs of each society visited, and the proper method of meeting them. I can only renew that recommendation to this Convention and I do so with the hope that something more than talking and resolving will be done in the premises. I do this in face of the seeming fact that it means an expense with no compensation revenue, for I fully believe that, when the people see that the N. S. A. is not always seeking money through its representatives, they will voluntarily contribute enough to meet this special expense to which I am now referring. One thing is certain—our local societies must be sustained, or our movement must go down. Fellow delegates, I plead for considerate action upon this matter on the part of all.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

Our State Associations have with a very few exceptions, done good work and made excellent progress during the past year. There are special State organizations that need strengthening, and a few that require resurrecting from the lethargic sleep that precedes final dissolution. From the reports submitted by the State Association, this Convention will learn what has been done to advance our Cause in various sections of our land, and be able to determine the best remedies to apply to those States where aid is needed. State organizations are important factors in Spiritualistic work, and should be loyally sustained. I recommend legislation upon this subject by this Convention, and suggest that a union of forces on the part of the N. S. A., with those of the State organizations in well directed missionary work would soon revive our moribund State Associations, and infuse new life into those that are now weak in numbers and finances.

THE LYCEUM.

Interest in Lyceum work has been revived to an appreciable extent, largely through the efforts of John W. Ring, the National Superintendent of the Lyceums for the United States. Mr. Ring was appointed Superintendent by the Trustees of the N. S. A., under the warrant of the last annual Convention, and has rendered faithful service in his special field of labor. His report will acquaint this Convention with what he has accomplished during the year, and with what he deems the requirements of his department for the ensuing year. I feel that Supt. Ring has done remarkably well, considering the limited means at his command, and am pleased to report that I have found a marked interest in the Lyceum journal he has established in connection with his office. He can make many needed improvements in that paper and organize a large number of live Lyceums as soon as he is given the means to enable him to do so. We cannot afford to deal niggardly with our Lyceums, and I urge you, as delegates, to give Supt. Ring's report your thoughtful attention and that you concede to him all that can be granted in reason for the special work of his department. I recommend that the office of National Superintendent be continued another year, and a special appropriation made for the purpose of enlarging the Lyceum paper. If Spiritualism is to prosper in the future the Spiritualists of the present must interest themselves in their children and give them a chance to know something of the principles upon which this movement is based. We have had plenty of Lyceum talkers for many years past; what is now needed is Lyceum workers, and a goodly number of them.

THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

This institution opened its doors to the public in September, 1902, and has successfully passed through one full year of active school work. It is an auxiliary to the N. S. A., and its claims will be formally presented

in this Convention by the officers of the school. All Spiritualists are, or should be, interested in educational work, and should make every possible effort to advance the same. As an auxiliary of this Association, the Morris Pratt Institute is entitled to a respectful hearing on the part of this Convention and I suggest that a special hour be assigned its representatives in which to acquaint its body of delegates with its aims, purposes and accomplishments.

MEDIUM'S HOME.

It will be remembered that an effort was made during the past two years to establish a home for worthy, indigent mediums at Reed City, Mich. A home and lot were purchased at that point, and steps taken toward securing a fund for sustaining the same. The responses were not encouraging, and the Trustees of the Association decided it would be best to offer temporary relief to those who were most needy and let the matter of a special home rest for the time being. Small pensions were accordingly paid to the few who were known to be worthy, and the public was informed that the Reed City Home would not be reopened for an indefinite period. During the past year, the N. S. A. building at Reed City was burned, but as it was insured, the Association is not without it. It was decided to attempt to rebuild and the lot was advertised for sale. A good offer was received for it early in September, and accepted. Deeds have been duly signed, and the National Association has formally closed out its business at Reed City. I recommend that the home be taken by the N. S. A. to establish a Medium's Home, as such it would be wholly impractical in character, and could not be made popular among the mediums themselves, nor among the Spiritualists.

A PENSION FUND.

In lieu of a Home building, I recommend the continuance of the present policy of the N. S. A. in pensioning such indigent speakers and mediums as are known and deserving of such aid. Pensions, not exceeding twelve dollars per month, have been regularly paid to a few mediums during the past year. ALL cases were carefully investigated and pensions granted only upon the presentation of reliable evidence of worthiness. Every State has been careful for the sake of the good work of the pensioners have received the money into their own hands, but it has been sent to those who have cared for them, who have used it solely for the purposes designated.

This Pension Fund should be enlarged and made a source of income for its own work. I recommend that action be taken in that direction by this Convention. Every speaker, medium and public worker, is, or should be, interested in this work, and ought to contribute liberally to the fund as their means will permit, without regard to any possible benefit to themselves. I all mediums, who depend upon their psychic work for a livelihood, would contribute twenty-five cents per month to this fund, it would be ample to meet every requirement on the part of the distressed. If such a fund could be levied and collected, it would yield a monthly income of many hundred dollars. I respectfully urge this plan to your consideration and recommend, authoritatively, action thereon. The pension system is the best method thus far evolved by which we can care for our own, and I believe it to be wise to husband our resources for this worthy object, and not waste them in futile attempts to establish and endow Homes into which very few mediums could be induced to go.

WILLS AND DONATIONS.

A few estates, in which the N. S. A. was either directly or indirectly interested, have been settled during the past year, notably the estate of Case and Eschenmuller, from which this Association has received its share in money. The bequest of Mr. Case was seriously diminished by the seizure of the property by the heirs to secure the N. S. A. a hundred dollars. It was received in three installments, and was not for the purpose of securing the N. S. A. a hundred dollars net, but for the purpose of securing the N. S. A. a hundred dollars net. It was

worth all it cost and far more to the Spiritualists of America, as the decision in their favor by the Indiana Court has established a precedent that can and will be followed in future years in defending cases of like nature. This suit has shown the necessity of exercising great care in making wills on the part of all who desire to benefit the Cause of Spiritualism. Proper legal forms for wills should be prepared that will stand every test of law, and placed before the people. I feel to recommend, however, that our friends be urged to make their bequests by deed or check while they are yet in the form in order that their wishes are carried out in full. An aged couple in New Jersey have set all Spiritualists a praiseworthy example by deeding their valuable real estate to the N. S. A. outright, taking a life lease for their own protection. I earnestly recommend that this method be everywhere urged upon our liberal-minded friends who wish to aid Spiritualism through the N. S. A. Justice and law were long since divorced in the settlement of will cases, hence our people cannot be too cautious in seeking to avoid trouble by disposing of their property while yet in mortal form.

The famous Mellroy will in Philadelphia, Pa., affecting our loyal auxiliary, The First Association of Spiritualists of that city, has been taken to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania during the past year, and a signal victory won for Spiritualism. The decision of the lower court breaking the will was reversed, and the will sustained. Mr. Mellroy's wishes will, in the course of time, be carried out in full, unless the opponents of the will try some other method to avoid its fulfillment. This establishes a most important precedent in favor of Spiritualism in the legal world, and the Spiritualists of the nation are to be congratulated upon the prestige it has given them.

HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM.

Once more I feel impressed to call the attention of the Spiritualists of America to this important subject. I have referred to it at length in my reports in past years, and must reiterate every word I have hitherto uttered with regard to the subject. Our veteran workers are rapidly passing away from earth, and our sources of information of an accurate character are even now very few in number. Steps should be taken to utilize every possible factor accessible for the furtherance of this work. Two years ago, Lyman C. Howe, who had been elected Historian at a previous Convention, was instructed to

begin work on a small scale. An appropriation of two hundred dollars was made for this purpose, and Mr. Howe managed to do a great deal of work with that sum. His eyesight becoming impaired, he was not able to continue his work last year, and our last annual Convention elected your President as his assistant. Work was planned for the year, but circumstances not necessary to mention in detail, forced your President from all fields of labor, hence the only report possible to make to this Convention is that progress has been made, and further time asked for. I feel warranted, now that Historian Howe has almost wholly recovered his sight, in recommending a liberal appropriation to the History Fund, and ask that positive instruction be given the incoming Board of Trustees to push this work as rapidly as possible during the year. If Mr. Howe requires any assistants, this Convention can direct him to employ such as he may need, limiting the expense to a certain amount. I plead with you as delegates to interest yourselves especially in this most important matter. We need an authentic history of our movement, and I ask for legislation of a positive character at your hands that will enable us to secure it at the earliest possible moment.

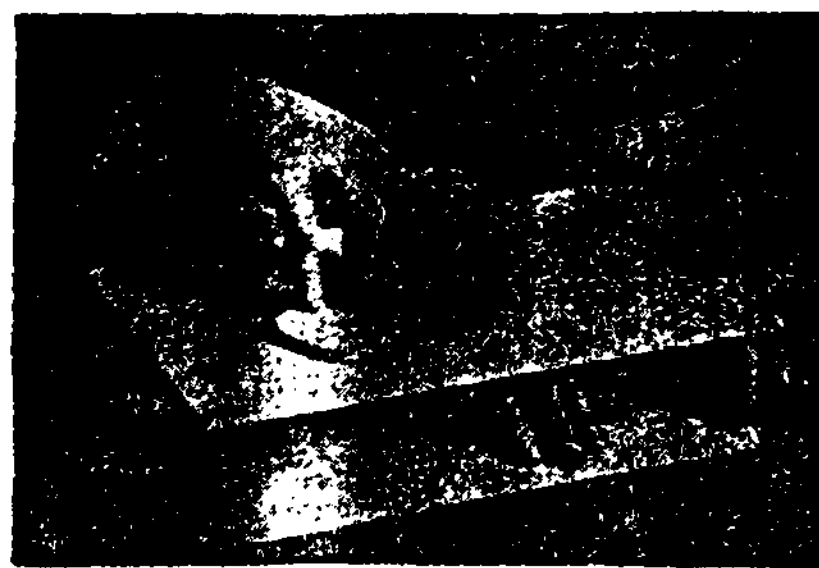
MEDICAL PERSECUTION.

During the past year, drastic legislation on the subject of the practice of medicine has been enacted in many states of the Union. Under these severe and most tyrannical laws, prosecution and persecution have been quite common. I believe these measures to be unconstitutional and feel that their obnoxious features can be removed by an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. A test case should be taken to that tribunal at the earliest possible moment. I believe a worthy case has developed during the past year in Grand Rapids, Mich. where a magnetic healer, (clairvoyant) has been arrested for the illegal practice of medicine. As he uses neither drugs, nor herbs, but simply relies upon magnetism applied by his hands to affect his cures, it is difficult to see wherein he has violated the law. He has practiced magnetic healing in Grand Rapids for nearly twenty-four years, and has not used the title of "Dr." nor the letters "M.D." illegally during the time, or, at least, since the law restricting their use was enacted in Michigan. He had no difficulty in securing bonds at the time of his conviction, one of the leading business men of the city voluntarily qualifying for many times the sum

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required by the court, without being requested to do so by the defendant. I recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to look into the matter with great care, and, if found to be a safe case, to cooperate with the State Spiritualists of Michigan in carrying it to the Supreme Court of the United States as soon as possible. I am aware that this means long and expensive legislation, but I feel that liberty is cheap at any cost, hence believe that the people will gladly contribute to a fund for this purpose when they are in full possession of the facts, and realize the necessity for action.

PROSECUTION OF MEDIUMS.

What I have said upon the subject of mediumship, will apply with equal force to the prosecution of mediums and speakers. Ordinances exist in many cities of the land making the exercise of mediumship a crime. Some States have special laws bearing upon this subject, which make criminals of our best mediums and speakers wherever they attempt to work in these States. Several prosecutions have taken place during the past year, and, as they seem to be a tendency to deprive our liberties in this matter, I feel that this Convention should take action in relation thereto, to protect its incoming officers to the rights of our workers. Therefore before our Supreme Court, I therefore recommend that the States of Colorado, California and Washington be looked into, and the offenses of our mediums and speakers, who were prosecuted in these States be accurately measured and determined. If these cases are found to be just and worthy, I recommend that one of them be taken up by the Supreme Court of our country for final adjustment. A fund for this purpose has already been known as the "Medium's Defense Fund," to which all mediums are requested to contribute as a necessity. Every medium is requested to connect himself with the N. S. A. through this fund by taking out a special certificate, at a cost of five dollars, which entitles him to the aid of the N. S. A. in case of prosecution. He is also liable to assessments to the amount of twenty dollars per year under the provision of this certificate. During the past ten years, only two mediums have taken out these certificates. I need not comment upon this significant fact, but will simply say that this branch of the N. S. A. work is open to all mediums, who, by aligning themselves with it, testify to their own good faith, and prove their willingness to contribute to their own defense, as well as that of others.

SETTLEMENT OF SPEAKERS.

As the best and surest means of affording protection to our mediums and magnetic healers, I urge the settlement of speakers over our local societies. These workers will then have the backing of a stable organization that commands the respect of the community. Under our loose methods of organization and our shamful itinerant system, it is little wonder that we have any rights left to us whatever, or are at all respected by other denominations. Now that our N. S. A. is known to be a permanent and that our people are supporting their organization better, Spiritualism has gained a much more general respect on the part of the public, and people are waiting to see what we are going to do. I recommend most earnestly that all local societies be urged to employ speakers for a year or for a term of years, and that this Convention put the seal of its approval upon the obsolete and shamful itinerant system that has brought the means of dragging our movement down more than any other influence in its history. I recommend that a "White List" containing the names of all tried and true workers be kept on file in the office of the Secretary of the N. S. A. and copies of the same sent to the Secretaries of all State Associations. By this means the local societies can obtain the services of worthy and reliable speakers and mediums, without any fear of deception or injury.

MASS MEETINGS.

During the past year, I have received numerous requests for the holding of mass meetings at different places, as was formerly the policy of the Association. These meetings were abandoned two years ago, upon my recommendation, the feeling being that, while they were financially successful, they did not add to the membership of local societies very appreciably, nor strengthen them financially. There is no doubt but

that they do add to the general interest of Spiritualism on the part of the masses, but it is a question whether they carry sufficient weight to make the influence a permanent factor in society. To make them successful requires a great deal of work, and if that work is done by the wrong people, these gatherings will do more harm than good. I can see their advantage and possible disadvantages, hence do not feel to make any special recommendations upon the subject, believing that, as delegates, you know what you ought to do in the premises for the best good of our Cause.

CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

Spiritualism has taken a great start in these islands during the past year and our brethren there are seeking for a closer union with the N. S. A. I have received several letters from Porto Rico asking me to send mediums and speakers there who can speak the Spanish language, and requesting me to assist them in their attempts to organize. I feel that this is a necessary work, and that the N. S. A. should interest itself in the affairs of our brethren in the West India Islands. A long personal interview with one of the leading Spiritualists of Porto Rico convinced me that his people were ready for missionary work, and willing to support the same. He declared that with proper effort on the part of a good organizer and a competent medium, the great majority of the people of Porto Rico could be brought over to Spiritualism. This matter is well worth looking into. The Renaissance in Japan gave the Unitarians a golden opportunity in that country, which they eagerly embraced through missionary work. The results have been far beyond expectations, for the brightest minds of the "Island Kingdom" have accepted their doctrines, and Japan is one of the most progressive nations of the earth because of that fact. I believe that same opportunity awaits Spiritualism in Cuba and Porto Rico. I therefore recommend that action be taken upon this matter by this Convention, and that every possible effort be made to establish perfect reciprocity between the people of those Islands and the friends of the N. S. A.

SPRITUALISM AT ST. LOUIS IN 1904.

This convention should see to it that Spiritualism is properly emphasized at St. Louis during the World's Fair in 1904. There is to be no general parliament of religion, but each denomination among the Christians especially, is seeking to have its doctrines presented to as many as can be reached by the various speakers employed. As the Fair is to be absolutely closed on Sundays, the visitors to the Fair must put in their time elsewhere. If the N. S. A. were to engage a corps of speakers and mediums for the Sundays of the Fair, I am certain that our brethren in St. Louis will do everything in their power to assist this body in the way of providing halls and churches in which to hold their meetings. Possibly a great tent meeting for Sundays only, could be provided. I am opposed to any attempt to hold a campmeeting in or near St. Louis during the Exposition, yet I do believe in active propaganda there along legitimate lines. I recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to take such steps as will secure a dignified, scholarly and spiritual presentation of Spiritualism throughout the entire Exposition. The local societies there will be in session a portion of the time but the pastors of the leading locals are desirous that the work should be carried forward upon a scale representative of the National character, rather than that of local interest only. We should act in conjunction with the local societies there, not independently of them. Again I recommend action upon this matter.

AN INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CONGRESS.

Upon instructions given by our Convention of 1902, and supplemented by orders from the Board or Trustees, I opened correspondence with the Spiritualists in all quarters of the globe with regard to the practicability of holding an International Congress of Spiritualists in St. Louis next year. I sent seventy letters to the leading Spiritualists of the world and have been favored with many replies. All English speaking colonies and nations declare such a Congress impractical on account of the expense it would entail upon the delegates to attend same. Some of them feel that such a convocation would be a good thing but even if it were held. Others are not

quite ready to take this step in the direction of establishing of the brotherhood of the race. My French, Russian, German, Italian and Spanish correspondents are all in favor of such a Congress, yet many of them declare that it will be impossible for them to attend the same. So little encouragement is given by the people who should be interested in it, I am constrained to recommend that no attempt be made to hold it. If the wealthy Spiritualists of the world would place ten thousand dollars in the treasury of the N. S. A. a truly representative body could be easily brought together. I deeply regret that this "Congress of Nations" in Spiritualism cannot be held, and I hope that the day will come when Spiritualism, the world over, will perceive the importance of holding such a gathering, and be led to provide the means by which it can be brought together.

HOME CIRCLES.

The recurring frequency with which the N. S. A. office is besieged with questions regarding Spiritualism and the best means of becoming acquainted with its principles, leads me to refer to the old "Home Circles" that were so popular fifty years ago. As a perfectly safe means to the end in view, the Home Circle, is certainly first and foremost. I believe in the establishing of such circles wherever possible, when there is one person who is somewhat familiar with psychic force present to take the wheel. When established in a practical spirit, and sought for the purpose of receiving spiritual instruction, only good eventuates from them. I recommend that this body of delegates declare itself emphatically in favor of establishing Home Circles, under proper guidance, as a part of the missionary work of the N. S. A. I also recommend that a small circular tract, setting forth such instructions as may be desired for the organization of such circles in communities not accessible to our Missionaries, and where public meetings are not held, be prepared by the Trustees of the N. S. A. and furnished gratis to all who may apply for the same. Such a leaflet is needed, and its publication will do a great deal of good. I urge action upon this important subject.

POST OFFICE MISSIONS.

Through what is known as the "Post Office Missions," our Unitarian brethren have been able to widen the scope of their influence in all sections of our land. The N. S. A. can do the same, for Spiritualism if spiritualists will but co-operate with it in this work by supplying the Home Office with the names and correct addresses of people who are open to the reception of a liberal thought. Our Secretary can then send them such literature as may be on hand for free distribution, open correspondence with some of them, and ultimately secure their open support, induce them to organize "Home Circles" and local societies through which truths of Spiritualism can be presented in communities in which they are now unknown. I recommend, therefore, an appropriation for the purpose of extending the influence of our Post Office Mission Work. If more tracts are needed, I urge that they may be prepared or selected and published as soon as possible by the N. S. A. officers.

PROTECTION OF OUR CAUSE.

The experience of our brethren in St. Louis last spring warrants me in asking this representative body of delegates to take some action to protect Spiritualism as a movement from such animations in the future. The Brockway family that brought such disgrace upon our Cause in St. Louis only represent scores of others who are engaged in the same work. Spiritualism always suffers from such rascality, and if the ways are mediums, that fact warrants them in pilfering the dollars from the unsuspecting patrons. Something should be done to disabuse the public mind regarding the responsibility of spiritualists for such conscienceless actions. They change their names from time to time and alter their personal appearance as much as possible in order to escape detection. If spiritualists would do their duty in such cases, our Cause would soon be free from this predatory trade of robbers of mortals and insult to the living ones. Rather than the present conditions it would be better to split our movement in two, and permit those who are willing to pay money under false pretenses to do so, and let the

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LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE



The first Spiritualist Union, of the Oregon, will open services on Sunday, October 18th, 1903, by the election of officers, followed by a meeting of members. The first lecture of a six months course will be given October 25. The first and sister Spiritualists visiting will receive a warm welcome. All meetings will be held at the Lyceum. Doors open at 2:30. Services commence at 3 p. m. The undersigned will be regular for the season. Jessie S. Dalton.

Mrs. S. E. Kesson writes from New York: "I am at Bro. Harry Dalton's in Troy. Mrs. Dalton has been sick. Bro. Dalton is holding sittings every Sunday evening at 225 River Street, he has a well established and harmony prevails. Spiritualism is surely progressing here. I like the SUNFLOWER better than any other paper. It is a comfort to me when it comes, may it blossom and prosper every year."

Dr. East writes from Baltimore, Md.: "Dr. N. S. Ravlin, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church, took for his theme Sunday, October 11, 11 a. m. 'The Responsibilities of Spiritualism.' The basis of his sermon was taken from the 7th Chapter of 1st Cor., first part. In part he declared that no sect has greater responsibilities than Spiritualists, as they have a knowledge of the life hereafter. Spiritualists as a rule are not missionaries. They do not display that earnestness to propagate their knowledge as the creeds do, they seem to lack earnestness in spite of the fact that they have the grandest religion on earth. Having much—much shall be expected of them. Many, he said, are investigating the grand truth of our philosophy and are in doubt what to do, to go back into the fold of orthodox or embrace Spiritualism, then it is that Spiritualists should do some missionary work. The pastor spoke of his own experience. He had no one to advise him. The Baptist people with a good salary on one hand and the Spiritualist rostrum on the other with a precarious living; however, he picked choose what to do when he entered the light. In conclusion he begged his hearers to further the cause of Spiritualism along all lines. The study of a future life is the pulpit theme in our churches now, he declared. Last Sunday a Dr. Laws, of a Baptist church spoke on 'Our Life Hereafter.' The sermon was rather spiritual in its character but in no way touched on our philosophy. Friday, October 9th, Homer Altemus of Washington, D. C. was to give a sermon in the lecture room but owing to the extreme inclement state of the weather, no service was held."

Ray Smith writes: "Rev. N. A. Ross is now in Buffalo, N. Y. at the house of Mrs. E. R. Nugent, 283 South Street, holding materializations with grand success."

Jacob Schnur writes from Warren, Pa.: "Wishing to let the world in general know something of our spiritual condition since the closing of the camp as while the camp is in session there is one continual exchange of thought that finds its way to spiritualize the outside world. Our beautiful little city contains some bright thinkers along progressive lines, many of these have been stirred and touched by the spiritual wave that has reached us, as we have with us for six weeks Mrs. Elizabeth J. Demorest, of Pittsburgh, Pa. She is truly a grand worker in the vineyard, and while one listens to the inspired

words of wisdom that fall from her lips as she explains our beautiful philosophy they cannot help but feel elevated. She follows her lectures by spirit messages all of which are recognized and more than half by skeptics. This has been a treat, and we feel that we are on a higher spiritual plane growing stronger each day. We can recommend Mrs. Demorest to all societies who desire a spiritual speaker and medium. We hope in the near future to have her with us again. Wishing your valuable paper success, as we feel it is a noble worker in the army of reform, we are yours for liberty and justice, Jacob Schnur."

Mrs. Henry Keene, of 71 West Spring Street, was 78 years old yesterday (October 21st) and last evening, in honor of the event, she was made the chief guest of honor of the reception given for Professor F. M. Lockwood at the home of C. M. Hayes, North Franklin Street. Mrs. Keene was not aware of the important part which she was to act until after she arrived, when announcement was made of the double significance of the entertainment. The evening was passed in congratulatory addresses, songs, recitations, etc. Light refreshments were served and the party was continued until a late hour. The aged guest of honor was remembered with a cash present, Titusville Herald.

J. L. P. writes from Utica, N. Y.: "We have been having some very interesting meetings at Cornwell Hall for the past five Sundays. W. D. Noyes and wife have been with us. He delivered some very interesting and instructive lectures to large and appreciative audiences. They were coupled each time with messages through Mrs. Noyes, from the dear ones on the other side, giving conclusive evidence of the return of the spirits of loved ones gone to the great beyond. They left here on Monday, October 19th for Albany, N. Y., where they intend to locate. We regret very much to lose them as the Doctor is one of the best healers in the spiritual work, but we wish them prosperity in their new home."

Living Under Difficulties.

Where innocence is bliss and wisdom folly, is when a man has attained that degree of moral introspection in which he fears to offend his own conscience. He cannot cope with those whose success depends upon the art of deceiving or turning a man's opinions, feelings, sentiments, away from himself—as appears to be necessary in certain lines of business. A salesman who cannot turn a customer's convictions to his own way of thinking is not considered proficient, and to retain his position he dare not be too punctilious in matters of conscience. It would not be considered business-like. His superior consciousness—if he have any—must be held in abeyance six days in the week. Such does not improve it. Circumstances may be at fault, but if circumstances continue to make it so difficult for well-intentioned people to earn a livelihood, where shall the world be drifting to next? Conscientious people have a right to exist, too. But how shall they without offending their better nature—their superior selfhood—under a custom that prohibits week-day religion or spirituality?

The world is certainly in advance of the past. But the same truth that has led to general progress has also elevated many individuals to a higher conception of the true meaning of life and its mission here. Their wisdom permits no self-seeking—no deception—no artistic methods of gaining a livelihood. They know too much for their bodily welfare and cannot descend to a level with those who are still innocent of their spiritual needs. A touch of real life makes a man very sensitive to the fictitious—the pretentious—the unrighteous—and he feels like a skipper among wreckers. But a minority must be to create a majority, and when the latter rules conditions may obtain for the better. Meanwhile the former will have to endure, stand by each other and hope for that which is the reward of the patient.

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PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION.

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ri; and F. H. Morrill, of Philadelphia. The Committee on usage and educational work, chairman Rev. F. A. Wiggins, of Boston, appointed at the last annual Convention a very voluminous written report to present which covered the whole matter of usage. The chairman read brief extracts and said that its adoption would tend to give the Spiritualist churches a legal status. Forth for the marriage ceremony, christening, ordination of ministers and other things were recommended by the committee. The report went over for final discussion until Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Afternoon session. At this meeting in the afternoon some business was discussed by the committee's report. The annual report of the department was read. This was very giving a summary of past accomplishments and something of present and future plans. The treasurer's report showed a credit balance on hand of nearly \$16,000. The Secretary's report made several commendations bearing upon the official work of the Association and gave a succinct account of the year's work.

The evening was prefaced by selections of music by the Hatch Brothers, followed by Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer." The invocation was made by Rev. George W. Bates, which was followed by the singing of "Only a Thin Veil Between Us." Rev. N. F. Ravlin delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Exalted Mission of Spiritualism." Messages were given by Margaret Gaulle and Mrs. Zaida B. Kates.

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M. The session began at 10 a. m. and the hall was well filled with delegates and visitors. Resolutions of fraternal greetings were passed to be extended to the Convention of the Universalist Church, which convened in Washington Thursday.

The growth of Spiritualism among German-Americans was the subject of discussion and action. M. Max Gentske, editor of *Lichtstrahl*, the German Spiritualist paper, published at West Point, Neb. made an address. He said the German Spiritualists in the United States had asked him to lead a movement toward establishing a separate association but he had declined. According to his statement there are fifteen German societies, that have been organized within the past six years. It understood they are seeking to be affiliated with the national body. They also desire a German missionary from the N. S. A. to help them organize. The Convention instructed the incoming Board of Trustees to employ a German-speaking missionary for this purpose.

Under a suspension of rules President Barrett, was voted \$500 as a mark of appreciation of the past year's work, against his vigorous protest.

Communications were received and read from various sources, all of them congratulating the organization on its successful work and best wishes. A large amount of routine business was also disposed of.

A large delegation of Universalists were present at the meeting and one—Rev. James Harry Holden of Meriden, Conn. made a mark to the Convention, ending his personal greetings to the assembly with the Spiritualist movement.

The missionaries appointed at the last Convention made reports of their work during the past year. They all stated that a large number of new societies had been organized. These reports were referred to the Committee on Missionary's for consideration, as follows: H. C. Westfield, of Minnesota; M. A. L. Gilman, of California; Mr. O. Y. Max Gentske, of Nebraska; and Mr. Sigurd, of Missouri.

A number of miscellaneous communications were read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. J. Fitzmaurice, of Mass., and C. D. P. Longley, of Mass., and W. Sprague, of New York, presented their reports.

At the afternoon session part of the responsive readings and all of the usages of ordination were adopted with the exception of four sections, which were referred to the Committee for correction and amendments.

The test vote on the point of difference showed the Theistic party largely in the majority.

The discussion was earnest and somewhat heated, but in no instance acrimonious. The Convention voted to consider the report of the Committee seriatim. Under this vote all other business of the afternoon was deferred to come up later in the Convention.

"The Effect of Spiritualism Upon the lives of those who really Accept It," was the subject of the lecture of the evening session delivered by Mrs. Helen P. Russeque. The speaker appealed to the audience to make their lives conform to the teachings of the higher life, so that the angels would not be ashamed to visit their friends upon earth. In place of spirit messages Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie gave a brief address on the subject of the "Message of Spiritualism." The address was well received and loudly applauded. In the absence of Mrs. May Pepper, Mrs. E. W. Sprague gave a number of spirit messages which were duly recognized by the recipients. There was music and singing during the evening including "Nearer My God to Thee," "Open those Pearly Gates of Light," "Love's Spirit," "The Palms," and "Good Night—Angels Watch Will Keep."

The Convention will continue two days longer, but we are unable to give a report of the proceedings later than Wednesday night except the announcement to the election of the new board, which took place Friday afternoon which was telegraphed us Friday night by Moses Hull. In next week's issue we will continue the report giving the list of delegates and other important items which we are unable to give now.

We wish to give credit to the Washington Post and Star for a large portion of the report here given. Also to express our appreciation of the accounts given by these papers, as there is not a word other than praise in their columns in regard to the N. S. A. Convention.

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Look to spirit land for guidance,
Do not mourn for what is past;
For this world is full of trouble,
From beginning to the last.

Look beyond the angry river,
Where the dangerous breakers rise,
We will sail in to the harbor,
Where the peaceful haven lies;
Then farewell to pain and trouble,
When that peaceful shore we reach;
No more sickness—no more sorrow,
Is the lesson faith doth teach.

Cast aside all thoughts repining,
What is past cannot return,
But the beacon light that's shining
In the future, we discern;
Is the light that leads us onward,
To that home of joy and love;
There no cruel fate may harm us,
In that peaceful home above.

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BE COMFORTED.

Be comforted, the wise man said
To friends who stood around the
bier;
Tis but the form lies cold and dead
Your friend now lives on higher
sphere.
Death's subtle change is nature's
way
To free the spirit from its bonds,
Death is the door to endless day
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We should not mourn when friends
depart,
Tis like the setting of the sun
They do not live from us apart
They view a higher horizon.
They often visit us in dreams
We feel the impress of a kiss
How sweet and natural it seems
The theme of pure, earthly bliss.

We hear the ignorant call it
Hallucination of the mind
They cannot realize God's spirit
Is made manifest in mankind.
A risen spirit do return
Angelic messengers of light;
To cheer the soul of those who
mourn
To make the future look more
bright.
—Henry M. Edmiston.

Afraid of His Teeth.

Charley Adams, a Carthage (Mo.) colored man, having had the last of his teeth extracted, has concluded to get him a set of false ones. It makes his gums chatter to think of it, though. "I dreads to use dem false teeth," he has confided to a friend. "I'ze afraid I'll git some dead man's teef in my head, and den his ghost 'll ha'nt me. I allus heerd false teeth wa' ha'nted, and I ain't a-goin' to sleep in de room wid 'em. When I goes to bed I'll jis' drown 'em in water and sit 'em in some oder room."

The Pope's Nickel Watch.

Don Perosi will of course be the music maker of Pius X. and is meantime loud in praise of his friend, telling how Pius X. has only a nickel watch, having sold, for purposes of charity, a gold one given to him on the Adriatic. We say sold, but Don Perosi says "pawned." Pontiffs have been famous for nephews, but here is one who enters the Vatican to the sound of human but disinterested gossip about an "uncle."—London Chronicle.

Washing Away the World.

An interesting calculation has been made public by the French Academy of Sciences. It is to the effect that, taking into consideration the wear and tear on the solid land by the ocean lashing, river erosion and wind and weather, the world will by the end of the year 4,500,000 be completely washed away, and the ocean will roll over the present foundations of our great continents.

A Unique Light.

The Germans have placed on the island of Helgoland, in the North sea, a unique light, the greatest in the world, which has for its base the parabolic mirror of Schuckert. Every five seconds it flashes a light of 30,000,000 candle power over the whole horizon to a distance of twenty-five miles during one-tenth of a second.

"A vigorous will is a perpetual tonic."

"A mental flaw spoils a thing of beauty."

AN EARTHLY TRINITY.

Health and Wealth Ought to Be Linked With Happiness.

We are used to feel, to put it crudely, that folks who have health and money ought to be happy. And so they should. A sufficient income promotes comfort, and that contributes to cheerfulness of spirit, and to have health of course means to feel well, and that is a long step toward feeling good. But how far do we have to look to find persons with health to squander and more money than they know how to spend making strenuous efforts to attain happiness and merely achieving impaired health? If you have health and money you can usually buy pleasure, but enjoyment is a different article, and even when you have got enjoyment happiness may still elude you. Pleasure palls and sometimes demoralizes; enjoyment easily yields to weariness, but you don't get tired of being happy, and you may be ever so tired and be happy still.

Happiness is a state of satisfaction. One reason why it is so elusive may be because we human creatures are a complication of body, mind and spirit and require for our complete satisfaction a particularly nice adjustment of blessings and of conduct. If we indulge the body too much the other two partners become mutinous; if we over-cultivate the mind the body may break down, and if we bestow all our attention on mind and body, the spirit, ignored, takes a sure vengeance on us for our neglect. It is so difficult so to measure and direct our efforts as to appease all the demands of our triplicate natures that the simpler way is to regard happiness as a byproduct, give over all direct attempts to acquire a constant supply of it and simply accept however much of it may come while we go about our business with such intelligence as we can. We can usually keep our bodies in fair repair if we are not too lazy or too self-indulgent. If we have to earn our livings our minds and bodies, too, find occupation that is usually wholesome, and the discipline of work done, as it usually is, for others as well as for ourselves, helps to satisfy the exactions of the spirit.—Harper's Weekly.

TWO STOCK EXCHANGES.

Differences Between the New York and Berlin Institutions.

If any member of the New York Stock Exchange who is entirely unacquainted with German speculation should visit the Berlin bourse he would find at every point the most striking divergencies from his home experience. He would be surprised to see the bourse attended by quite 2,000 persons, including clerks of banks, newspaper men and even visitors like himself. Also, he would be interested in the immense size of the hall—300 feet long, divided by colonnades into three sections, one of which is assigned to the Produce Exchange. On one side of the hall several doors open into a grassy court, shaded by trees and surrounded by a pillared lobby, where brokers sit in dull summer days and float their latest stock of anecdotes.

That shaded court is suggestive of deeper differences between the New York Stock Exchange and the Berlin institution. In New York the number of members is fixed and is small in proportion to the immense volume of business done. In Berlin there is a great horde of small dealers, and the amount of trading is much less than in New York. Owing to the easy terms of admission, the bourse becomes a mere place where traders meet to effect their transactions. There is no sale of seats. In fact, no membership fee exists, but only a small yearly tax is collected, which varies from time to time as the expenses of the organization require. Contrary to New York practice, membership is largely held by companies and firms. Nearly all the banks of the city, for example, are members, and the more important ones keep above a score of their employees on the floor. Thus the individual New York broker, as a rule, counts for vastly more than a member of the bourse. New York is concentrated, is intense. Berlin disperses its energy, and is comparatively dull. It knows nothing of those great days of triumph or disaster that render the annals of Wall street picturesque. And it lacks our large daring operators who startle the country with their bold schemes.—William C. Dreher in Century.

Effect of Woman Suffrage.

Ex-Governor Alva Adams of Colorado recently addressed the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles on the effect of woman suffrage in his state. The critics of women voters, he said, come from the saloon element and the professional politician whose interests are assailed by them. "The press, the preachers and the petticoats are molding the interests of Colorado," he said, and added, "I bow to the triumvirate willingly and say, like the Grecian of old, 'May God long keep the tyrants and may the tyranny last forever.'"

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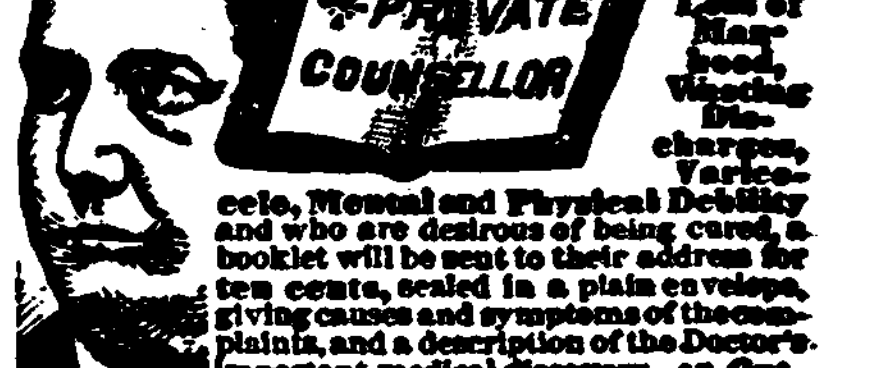
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